

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 08, 2022

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings (Carlson), Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, McCann, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Giddings

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Kauffman called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 2, 2022. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 11-0201-2100F: **Cody Burlile**, Idaho State Brand Inspector, presented **Docket No. 11-0201-2100F**, and said the proposed fee rule had previously been submitted and reviewed by the legislature. The fee rule does not impose a change beyond what was previously submitted to and reviewed by the legislature in the prior rules.

MOTION: **Rep. Toone** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 11-0201-2100F**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Moya Dolsby, Executive Director, Idaho Grape Growers and Wine Producers Commission, stated their mission is to support Idaho grape growers and wine makers and act as a united voice for the Idaho wine industry by growing awareness and sales of Idaho wines. Rich volcanic soil, four distinct seasons and Idaho's warm growing season help make Idaho's wine high quality. The Idaho Wine Commission is funded by the wine excise tax, optional industry assessments, Savor Idaho event revenue, and Idaho State Department of Agriculture Specialty Crop Block Grants.

Dr. R. Garth Taylor, U of I Agricultural Economist, addressed the committee concerning the financial condition of Idaho Agriculture during the 2021 year. Milk cash receipts, Idaho's leading agricultural commodity, increased by an estimated 20%. Agriculture accounts for over a quarter of Idaho exports, and in 2020, agriculture set a near record high, exporting dairy, potatoes and wheat mainly to Canada and Mexico. The export of dairy products, wheat, and potatoes remains strong, and is an important driver for the increase in the total value of Idaho agriculture exports. Dairy growth is mainly driven by notable increases in exports of whey & whey products to China. There is concern in Idaho for 2022 regarding drought, inflation, cost of fertilizer, fuel, and Roundup prices. The leading indicators are land and equipment prices.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Representative Kauffman
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary